

# NAMING OF THE BERKELEY STREET BRIDGE

## BRIEFING PAPER

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### **PURPOSE:**

To consider a resolution requesting that the Berkeley Street Bridge be renamed to the Freedom Bridge in honor of our troops in defense of the United States of America.

### **ACTION/OUTCOME:**

Passage of Resolution No. 679

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Berkeley Street Bridge has become a symbol for many citizens to patriotically express their respect for our military. Many of these citizens can be seen any day of the week waving American flags and yellow "support our troops" ribbons.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Over the last year, Senator Mike Carrell and Representative Gigi Talcott have worked to have the Berkeley Street Bridge re-named to the Freedom Bridge. On March 11, 2006, Senator Carrell arranged a community meeting to discuss the name change and gather support from the community to change the name to the Freedom Bridge. Approximately 130 people attended this meeting in support of the name change. Additionally, 44 members of our State Legislature and Lakewood Mayor Richardson, have requested that this bridge be re-named in honor of our military.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Passage of Resolution No. 679 which requests that the Berkeley Street Bridge be re-named the Freedom Bridge.

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